



Rendezvous Spring 2006–Winter 2007

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Photo contributed by Carl Breske



Welcome to Voyageurs National Park

Letter from the Superintendent

Welcome to another season in the extraordinary place that is Voyageurs National Park! I am honored this year to write my first Rendezvous column as park superintendent. It is a special privilege to work with a top-notch staff to protect and preserve the lands and waters of the park and provide facilities and services for our visitors to enjoy them.

We are pleased to offer two beautiful new group camp sites this year, one each on Rainy and Kabetogama Lakes. Groups of up to 30 people may use the sites, and each one has fully accessible facilities. You will find information elsewhere in this paper on how to reserve these sites.

If you are a returning visitor, you will also see the progress we have made restoring developed shorelines to natural conditions. Loons nest where once there were docks; ferns and young pines are filling in vacant cabin sites. At the same time, we continue our efforts to preserve historic places that represent people and life styles of the park's storied past. This year you may see us at work at Ellsworth Rock Gardens, Rainy Lake City, and several historic island residences throughout the park.

Through a new partnership of park friends and neighbors, the Kabetogama Lake Association and Voyageurs National Park Association will undertake the rehabilitation of the Kab-Ash Trail, joining Voyageurs staff and a Minnesota Conservation Corps crew in a park-wide effort to improve the condition of our hiking trails.

This summer we begin a long-term ecological monitoring program in the park with a baseline study of water quality and characteristics in 24 lakes. We continue our three-year study to determine the effects on five indicator species of the changes in lake level regulation implemented by the International Joint Commission in 2000. We continue our efforts to abate non-native plant species in developed or disturbed areas of the park.

We invite you to join us in protecting the park while you enjoy it. Check your shoes and clothing for traveling weed seeds before you enter the park. Make sure your boat and motor are free of aquatic plants and hitchhiking creatures before you launch. And please—swap out any lead in your tackle box. You will find other suggestions on how to be a park-friendly visitor elsewhere in this newspaper.

All four seasons hold great beauty and opportunities for recreation and renewal in Voyageurs National Park. Whenever you visit, stay safe and show courtesy to other visitors. Welcome to your park! Come often, and stay until you know you will come back again.

~ Kate Miller



RAINY LAKE VISITOR CENTER

(218) 286-5258

May 26 – September 30, 2006
Daily – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 1, 2006 – May 24, 2007
Wednesday – Sunday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

KABETOGRAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

(218) 875-2111

May 26 – September 30, 2006
Daily – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ASH RIVER VISITOR CENTER

(218) 374-3221

May 26 – September 30, 2006
Daily – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
24-hour restrooms

CRANE LAKE RANGER STATION

(218) 993-2481

HEADQUARTERS

Voyageurs National Park Headquarters

(218) 283-9821

www.nps.gov/voya



HISTORIC KETTLE FALLS HOTEL

(218) 875-2070 winter

(218) 240-1724, (218) 240-1726 summer only
www.kettlefallshotel.com

Open mid-May to September 30

Trading Post, food, lodging, gas, portage service,
and water-taxi service for guests from the mainland.



Getting to the Park

Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 53 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled airline service to International Falls, and Hibbing, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. Car rentals are available at airports. Transportation and lodging are also available at the park's gateway communities.

EMERGENCIES Call 911
Cellular phones MAY NOT work in the park.
Payphones are near all visitor centers.



Voyageurs has hundreds of fascinating species of flora and fauna that live here or spend a season. Be sure your visit includes some of these highlighted events. No matter when you visit, there is never enough time to see it all. Why not try a couple of seasons to really feel the wonder of this ever-changing land?



Summer (June-August)

The park supports a large population of river otters. Watch for scat containing crayfish and shell remains on rocks, docks, and trails. Look for long (up to 25 feet) slide marks in the mud.



In late May, June, and July many wildflowers are in bloom. You can find orchids, such as yellow and showy ladyslippers and purple fringed orchid, as well as an abundance of other wildflowers in close proximity to the visitor centers and along park trails. Ask for a wildflower checklist and trail guide at one of the park’s visitor centers.

Summer is a time to enjoy the newest residents of the park. Eaglets that hatched in May call for food from their lofty stick nests. Black bear cubs born during winter learn to search for food at their mother’s side. Common loon chicks emerge from large brown

eggs starting in late June, and learn about life in the park from a cozy spot on the female’s back. In early August, watch for eaglets (lacking the white head and tail) tentatively leaving their white pine nests for the first time.

Look down and all around at colorful lichens on the soil, rocks, and trees. Can you find the 400 kinds that grow here?

Autumn (September-November)

Maple trees become clothed in scarlet and the larches, or tamaracks, turn to gold; they are the only conifer here to drop their needles. With the changing leaves and the cool, crisp air, it’s the perfect time to hike the park’s many trails. Snow buntings and dark-eyed juncos from the north gather in flocks along the roadsides searching for wild seeds. They whirl up into the sky as you pass by. Summer is at an end.

Minnesota’s state bird, the common loon, of sharp black and white contrast, turns a dull gray before leaving for open waters.

Autumn is a time of dramatic change in the north woods. As the ice forms, its howls drift through the silence as the freeze slowly takes hold once again. Winter is on the way.

Where’s the Wildlife?

Winter (December-March)

Once frozen, lakes provide the path of least resistance for wolf packs on the hunt for deer, beaver and moose. They may be seen crossing the lakes. Drive along the park’s ice road and watch for their tracks and those of bald eagles, red fox, and common ravens around a winter kill.

Still and silent, the park is a winter palace of pastel skies and a frosted land. Tracks on the snow tell the tales of those who venture out into this stunning solitude. Watch for the rare track of a lynx or the common track of snowshoe hares. Look for long (up to 25 feet) slides in snow left by playful river otters.



Cold – to escape it, ruffed grouse dive into deep snowbanks for warmth, where the snow acts as insulation. Watch for smooth entrance holes or explosion type exit spots with tell tale feather markings in the snow.

Watch for winter birds like flocks of evening and pine grosbeaks, and bohemian waxwings. You may even catch a glimpse of a great grey or snowy owl.



Spring (April-May)

Look up. Migrating birds are returning to nest or eat in the park. Flocks of white pelicans are a common sight. Listen for the cry of the returning common loon as he calls to melting lakes below seeking an unoccupied site for the summer.

Winter adaptations are no longer necessary as snow melts and lakes thaw. Snowshoe hares and ermine change from white to brown and the land slowly turns green again. Black bears emerge and search for tender buds. In May, listen to the trees and the ponds as the calls of frogs and tiny warblers fill the air.



Species	Arrival	Departure	Destination
Common Loon	Ice-out, late April–mid-May	October	Atlantic & gulf coasts; stay on ocean all winter
Bald Eagle	Late March–early April nesting activity begins.	October–November	Atlantic & gulf coast east; Great Lakes, southwest & western United States
White Pelican	Late April, breed at Lake of the Woods, forage for fish in the park.	October	Gulf coast & all of Florida
Warblers	Leaf-out early–mid-May	August–October	Central & South America, Mexico and the Caribbean
Ducks	Late March–early April.	October–November	Central & southern United States
Species	Seasonal Activities	Daily Activity	Wildlife Watching
Black Bear	Den up: October Emerge: April	Active at all times of day: feed, travel, rest intermittently during day	At locations of natural food sources such as blueberry patches and areas of hazelnuts or acorns
Grey Wolf	Breeding season February, pups born in April	Warm season: travel & hunt at night; winter–active at all times of day	On large lakes on ice during winter
Moose	Breeding September–October, calves born late May	Mostly active at night, but occasionally travel & feed during the day	Feeding on aquatic vegetation along lakes & ponds at dusk and dawn during spring & summer
River Otter	Breed in late winter or early spring, shortly after litter is born	Active swimming, feeding & playing during the day	Swimming in lakes, ponds and streams
Beaver	Breed in January & February, kits born in May or June	Feeding activity occurs mostly from dusk to dawn	Swimming along the edges of ponds and lakes at dusk
Frogs	Breeding season March–July, depending on species: wood frog–March; green frog–July	Most active during evening	Frogs can be heard singing at dusk or dawn on ponds, lake edges and wetlands



Have You Heard About This?

GROUP CAMPSITES OPEN IN 2006

Do you need a campsite for 14-30 people? The park now has two campsites for groups of 14-30 people. One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows. The other site is on the north shore of Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. Here are some of the details:

- Reservations required from June 11 to September 17, 2006
- Make reservations online at <http://reservations.nps.gov/index.cfm> or call 800-365-2267
- No fee in 2006; fee likely in 2007
- Sites can be used for 7 consecutive nights
- Overnight permit and check-in required
- Each site has a wheelchair-accessible core area with accompanying facilities

For complete details visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya/home.htm and click on camping.



Rainy Lake Group Site

SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARK

As you plan your trip to the park, do your part to take care of the park and follow the principles of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics.

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
 - Stop by a visitor center before you head into the park
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
 - Stay on designated hiking trails
 - Use the developed campsites whenever possible
- Pack it In, Pack it Out
 - Pack out everything you bring in, including cooking grease
- Properly Dispose of What You Can't Pack Out
 - Use the latrines provided at developed sites
 - If necessary, dig a hole 8" deep and at least 200 feet from the water for human waste
 - If bathing or washing dishes, use biodegradable soap and lather up and rinse on land at least 200 feet from the lake
- Leave What You Find
 - Look and explore, but do not take anything from the park
- Use Fires Responsibly
 - Use the fire rings provided at developed day and overnight sites
 - Use only dead and downed wood
 - Put out all campfires completely
- Respect Wildlife
 - Keep a safe distance from wildlife
- Be Considerate of Others
 - Before launching, prepare your boat in an out of the way location
 - Unload your boat after you pull it out of the water and leave the launch area
 - Watch for others on the lake



BLUE-GREEN ALGAE BLOOM WORD OF CAUTION

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae blooms with caution. During the right conditions, these blooms can be toxic to pets and harmful to people. A blue-green algae bloom that looks like pea soup should be avoided. For detailed information about this recently publicized finding go to the following website: www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-sr-03.pdf

FRIENDS OF VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK WIN AWARD!

In April, 2006 the National Association for Interpretation Region 5 recognized the Friends of Voyageurs National Park with an award for Excellence in Interpretive Support. Every year the Friends donate funds and supplies to the park in support of special events (Birders Rendezvous, National Park Week, and Autumn Rendezvous), interpretive programs and activities (Special Speakers Series and Children's Activity tables) and exhibits. A number of the Friends are also park volunteers who work at the visitor centers and lead interpretive programs. Congratulations and thanks for your support!



VOYAGEURS' VOLUNTEERS WIN AWARDS

Volunteers from the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers – North Star Chapter (ACHMM-NSC) were awarded both the Secretarial Award for Volunteerism, and also the Midwest Region George B. Hartzog Award for best Volunteer Group Project in 2005. The ACHMM volunteers worked with Voyageurs National Park to conduct extensive water quality testing on all of the park's large lakes. The team brought together over 50 people from multiple partner agencies and organizations who volunteered over 1,700 hours last year to collect water samples, conduct laboratory analyses, and interpret the resulting data. This information will help park managers to recognize and manage change over time. This volunteer project supports the park's water quality preservation and management program, and is beneficial for park wildlife and the safety and enjoyment of park visitors.



This summer, we're taking continued steps to protect our park from the silent but serious threat of invasive plants. You may already be familiar with these species and their devastating effects on native plant communities. Invasive species are aggressive plants that replace native species, destroying the diversity that is essential for wildlife.

Thanks to the tremendous effort of local landowners and volunteers, Voyageurs National Park has been able to keep species such as purple loosestrife under control. As a way to help you to continue stewardship of the park, we've posted information throughout the area about invasive species. Watch for informational posters near the trailheads and restrooms, as well as signs along the trail alerting you to the presence of an invasive species. The trailside signs resemble hazardous material signs, indicating that an ecological "hazard" is nearby.

The following are a few ways for landowners or park visitors to help protect the park from the spread of invasives:

- Stop the Spread – be very careful not to transport the seeds or plant parts of invasive species
- Get the Facts – learn to recognize invasive species and familiarize yourself with their effects on native plants and wildlife
- Take Action – remove invasive species from your property and take part in local control efforts

For more information, call Teri Tucker at 218-283-9107 x.6163.



2007 Special Events

National Park Week:

April 21-27, 2007

Come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center for a day of activities and presentations and to view special exhibits. Call (218) 283-9821 for detailed information or visit www.nps.gov/voya.

2007 Winter Programs

January-March, 2007 – Wild Winter Rendezvous


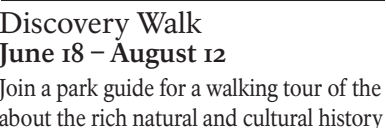

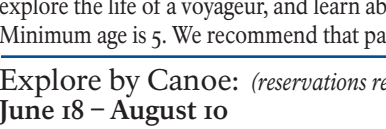
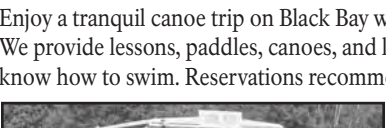




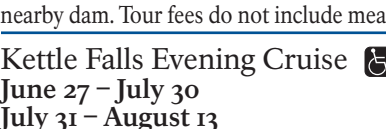





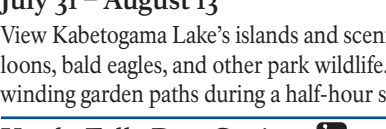





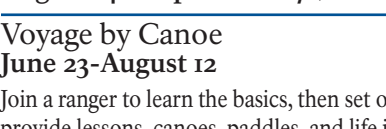

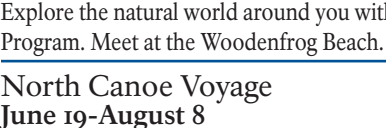
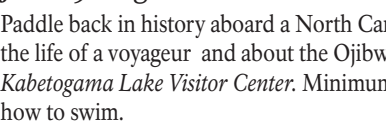
Sundays, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Programs are held at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (888) 381-2873, Wed. – Sun. for a schedule or visit www.nps.gov/voya.



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2006-2007 Special Events www.nps.gov/voya

2006 Boat Tours and Naturalist Programs

Program Notes		Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258 • www.nps.gov/voya								
		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
		1-2		1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	Free	Free
Canoe Programs:		Discovery Walk June 18 – August 12 Join a park guide for a walking tour of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center grounds and learn about the rich natural and cultural history of Voyageurs National Park.								
Reservations are recommended for north canoe voyages.		North Canoe Voyage: (reservations recommended) June 23 – August 12 Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute, explore the life of a voyageur, and learn about the Ojibwe lifestyle from an Ojibwe guide. Minimum age is 5. We recommend that participants know how to swim.								
All canoe trips are weather dependent.		Explore by Canoe: (reservations recommended) June 18 – August 10 Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip on Black Bay while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide lessons, paddles, canoes, and life jackets. We recommend that participants know how to swim. Reservations recommended.								
Canoes, paddles, life jackets and instructions are provided.										
We recommend participants know how to swim.		Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111 • www.nps.gov/voya								
		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
Tour Boat Program Notes		Kettle Falls Day Cruise   June 18 – August 13 Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. After a pleasant 1.5 hour cruise, arrive with another 1.5 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.								
		12-5:30					12-5:30		\$30 (cash or check only)	\$20
No reservations. All tour boat programs are available on a first-come, first-served basis.		Kettle Falls Evening Cruise   June 27 – July 30 July 31 – August 13 Experience the same beautiful trip to Kettle Falls in an evening setting.								
				3:30-9 3-8:30		3:30-9 3-8:30			\$30 \$30 (cash or check only)	\$20 \$20
Sign-in begins 30-minutes prior to departure time at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.		Sunset Wildlife Cruise   June 19 – July 30 July 31 – August 13 View Kabetogama Lake's islands and scenic bays transformed in sunset while observing loons, bald eagles, and other park wildlife. Marvel at unique sculptures while exploring winding garden paths during a half-hour stop at Ellsworth Rock Gardens.								
			7-9 6:30-8:30						\$15 \$15 (cash or check only)	\$10 \$10
Payment by cash or check only (no credit cards accepted).		Kettle Falls Day Cruise   August 14 – September 17 (See description above.)								
					12-5:30		12-5:30		\$30 (cash or check only)	\$20
See listed rates for tour boat trips on program schedule at right.		Discovery Cruise   August 14 – September 17 (See description for Sunset Wildlife Cruise above.)								
								2-4	\$15 (cash or check only)	\$10
All trips are weather dependent.		Voyage by Canoe June 23-August 12 Join a ranger to learn the basics, then set out to see nearby islands and wildlife by canoe. We provide lessons, canoes, paddles, and life jackets. All from novice to expert are welcome. Meet at the Woodenfrog Boat Launch. We recommend that participants know how to swim.								
							9-11	9-11	Free	Free
Minimum number required for Kettle Falls Cruise to go.		Voyageurs Adventures for Kids June 18-August 11 Explore the natural world around you with a park ranger. Ask about our Junior Ranger Program. Meet at the Woodenfrog Beach.								
		1-2		1-2		1-2	1-2		Free	Free
		North Canoe Voyage June 19-August 8 Paddle back in history aboard a North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur and about the Ojibwe lifestyle from an Ojibwe guide. Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. Minimum age is 5. We recommend that participants know how to swim.								
			9:30-11 11:30-1	12-1:30 2-3:30					\$4 \$4 (North Canoe Rides—cash or check only)	\$2 \$2
		Special Speakers Series June 23- August 25 Sit back, relax and let a guest speaker intrigue you about the northwoods. Call (218) 875-2111 for a schedule.								
						7:30-8:30 pm			Free	Free



Ash River Visitor Center (218) 374-3221

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
Rock Walk June 21-August 30 Join a ranger for an hour-long stroll back in time as you learn about the geologic forces that shaped Voyageurs National Park in the distant past. Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center.				2-3				Free	Free
Lacrosse Ojibwe Game June 23-August 11 Learn how the Ojibwe played with a family friendly game of Lacrosse. Participants will use sticks to get a ball from one opponent's goal to another. Wear running shoes.						1-2		Free	Free



Birders Rendezvous: June 2, 3, & 4, 2006
Voyageurs National Park is home to over 240 species of birds. Experience bird watching at its best during guided bird hikes and boat tours. Registration required. Schedule available in February, call (218) 286-5258 or visit www.nps.gov/voya.

Autumn Rendezvous: August 26 & 27, 2006, Saturday & Sunday
Experience Voyageurs National Park during the annual Autumn Rendezvous event. Programs will include canoe trips, talks, games, and activities. The event will take place at the Ash River Visitor Center on Saturday, and at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center on Sunday. Call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center at (218) 875-2111 in July for a complete schedule of programs or visit www.nps.gov/voya.



Where to Go?

Rainy Lake

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

- Voyageur Outpost – Children’s Corner
- Junior Ranger Program
- Naturalist Programs
- Exhibits
- Life-size Bull Moose
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Conference Room
- Theater Room for Park Film and Videos
- Indoor Woodstove
- Picnic Area with Tables & Fire Grates
- Hiking, Skiing & Snowshoeing Trails
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping and Boats on Interior Lakes
- 7-mile Ice Road
- Ski Rentals & Free Snowshoe Loan
- Open Year-round; see schedule on page 2

Little American Gold Mine Island

(.25 mile loop)

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities. Today, a 210-foot shaft along with machinery and adits (entrances leading into mines) remain from the Rainy Lake Gold Rush. You may experience the island as part of a ranger-led walk during a tour boat program or on your own with self-guided wayside exhibits and brochures. Bring along a sack lunch and stop at one of the benches for a leisurely and historical afternoon. Boat access only.



Little American Island

Oberholtzer Trail (1 mile one way)

Travel to two overlooks to view the vast diversity of flora the park has to offer. Wheelchair accessible the first 1/4 mile. The trailhead is located just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Trail maps and self-guided brochures are available at the trailhead and visitor center. Tracked in winter for snowshoeing.

Anderson Bay (2.1 mile loop)

This trailhead is only accessible by watercraft. It will take you high up on the rocky cliffs to view spectacular scenery of Rainy Lake.

Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail (.6 mile one way) and Black Bay Ski Trail (6 miles total)

The Black Bay Trails are accessible only by watercraft in the summer and the ice road in the winter. The Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail takes you through high pine country to a stunning beaver pond overlook. The Black Bay Ski Trail offers 1.2 miles of beginner trails and 4 miles of intermediate trails.

Crane Lake

Crane Lake Ranger Station

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County Boat Ramp & Docking
- United States Forest Service Hiking Trails
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping

Vermilion Falls

A 10-minute hike on a well-maintained interpretive trail puts the visitor at Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before Crane Lake turn left on USFS Road 491; travel four miles to the trailhead.

Vermilion Gorge Trail

At a leisurely pace, this 3-mile round-trip trail can be easily hiked in 2 hours. The trail passes over rugged landscape of sheer granite cliffs and rock outcrops while paralleling the Vermilion Gorge. Interpretive signs along the trail describe the history of this area. The trailhead is located .1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road in Crane Lake.



Vermilion River Rapids

Kabetogama Peninsula

Boats on Interior Lakes Program

Experience the solitude of a remote lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage a boat or canoe. Voyageurs provides canoes and/or rowboats on some remote lakes reachable only by trails, for a fee of \$10 per boat per day. The park DOES NOT provide rental canoes or boats at the visitor centers or other park entry locations.

Visitors must use their own water transportation, or contact a local resort or outfitter for water taxi service to the trailheads to these interior lakes. Park canoes and/or rowboats are located on the following nine interior lakes only: 1) Locator; 2) Quill; 3) Ek; 4) Cruiser; 5) Little Shoepack; 6) Shoepack; 7) Cranberry Creek (to get to Locator); 8) Brown; and, 9) Peary.

Reservations are recommended, and can be made from one week in advance to the day of use by phone or in person. For lakes 1-7 listed above call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center at (218) 875-2111 and for lakes 7-9 call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (218) 286-5258.

Cruiser Lake Trail system (9.5 miles one way)

Visitors can enter the Cruiser Lake Trail System from either Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake. The trail will take you up rocky cliffs and down to wetland areas. The trail winds its way to several interior lakes. A visitor is more likely to see the park’s larger wildlife, such as moose while in this nonmotorized backcountry area.

Historic Kettle Falls Hotel

The Kettle Falls Hotel was built around 1910 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. At one time the Kettle Falls area attracted a transient community of over 200 people including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, and bootleggers.

Today, you can hike around the historic area, dine at the concessionaire-operated historic hotel, stay overnight in the hotel or villas, view the Kettle Falls Dam and look south into Canada from atop the dam lookout.

Chain-of-Lakes Snowmobile Trail

During the winter season get on your snowmobile and head out to the peninsula for a ride in the park’s pristine backcountry. Follow the 11-mile Chain-of-Lakes Trail (ungroomed) from Rainy to Kabetogama Lake.



Where to Go?

Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

- Children's Corner
- Exhibits
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Junior Ranger Program
- Park Film and Videos
- Picnic Tables, Fire Rings & Benches
- Hiking Trails
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Naturalist Programs
- Orchids in Bloom (June & July) & Pond Life Viewing
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping & Boats on Interior Lakes
- Open late May – September; see schedule on page 2



heron rookery and sightings of warblers, woodpeckers, and even a great gray owl. Bring your binoculars, bug spray, and a sense of wonder to enjoy what you may discover.

Locator Lake Trail (2 miles one way)

Reaching this trailhead by boat is only the start of the adventure! Portage your own canoe, or reserve a park canoe or rowboat (Boats on Interior Lakes program) on this scenic lake which marks the head of the interior chain of lakes. Enjoy a close-up view of a beaver dam and lodge as you hike this narrow, rocky, and colorful trail.

Echo Bay Trail (2.5 mile loop)

This trail is accessible by car and is ~3 miles northwest of the visitor center off County Road 122; look for signs. Hike in summer, or ski the trail in winter. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops.

Birding is great here with a great blue

Ellsworth Rock Gardens

This unique sculpture garden created by Mr. Jack Ellsworth during his summer visits from 1944 through 1965 is a popular destination. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed at its peak. The park began work in 1996 to preserve the gardens. You may see crews planting flowers, weeding beds, cutting trees, or repairing sculptures. Picnic tables, a picnic shelter & fire rings are available. *Accessible only by water.*



Photo by Jim St. Clair

Woodenfrog State Campground

This State campground is accessible by car and is 5 miles northwest of the visitor center. The campground has 63 primitive campsites and a day use beach and launch area. Ask about the naturalist programs Voyageurs National Park offers here each summer. For information about the campground, call (218) 753-2245.



Ash River

Ash River Visitor Center

- Historic Log Lodge Setting
- Stone Fireplace
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Children's Table, Junior Ranger Program, and Naturalist Programs
- Park Orientation Video, Natural & Cultural History Videos
- Picnic Tables & Fire Rings
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Exhibits & Autumn Rendezvous
- Rustic Setting with Pine Covered Rock Outcrops
- Scenic Drive and Spectacular view of Kabetogama Lake
- Hiking Trails
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping & Boats on Interior Lakes
- Open late May – September; see schedule on page 2
- Non-motorized launch area (paddle access)

Ash River Scenic Drive (11 miles one way)

Don't miss this! In a water-based park, scenic drives are hard to find, but this one rivals any others. Off Highway 53, the Ash River Trail (County Road 129), is a scenic paved, winding road that takes you to the visitor center. In summer, a spectacular carpet of native wildflowers lines the road followed by brilliant red maples in the autumn. Miniature frozen waterfalls grace the rock faces in winter. Travel through spruce bogs and red pine forests as you watch for deer, foxes, grouse, gray jays, and wolves, all seen quite often along the road.



Voyageurs Forest Overlook (.5 mile loop)

On the entrance road to the visitor center there are three pullouts. The first pullout is the Voyageurs Forest Overlook. This pullout has a short loop trail with interpretive signs and picnic and restroom facilities. Watch for wildlife as you learn more about the area's forest history.

Beaver Pond Overlook (0.2 mile one way) and Kab-Ash Trail (24 miles — one way & loops)

This is the second pullout along the entrance road. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above one of the park's beaver ponds. With a park population of over 2,800, the influence of beavers on the landscape is noticeable. Although this beaver pond is no longer active, visitors will see a variety of birds and possibly other wildlife such as bears.

The Kab-Ash trail has four trailheads – Salmi Road, Kabetogama; two on Ash River Trail Road; and Beaver Pond Overlook. Hikers and skiers can complete loops or one-way treks. This trail travels through forests and wetlands and offers scenic vistas. For more information call (218) 875-2111.



Kabetogama Lake Overlook (0.2 mile one way) and Blind Ash Bay Trail (2.5 mile loop)

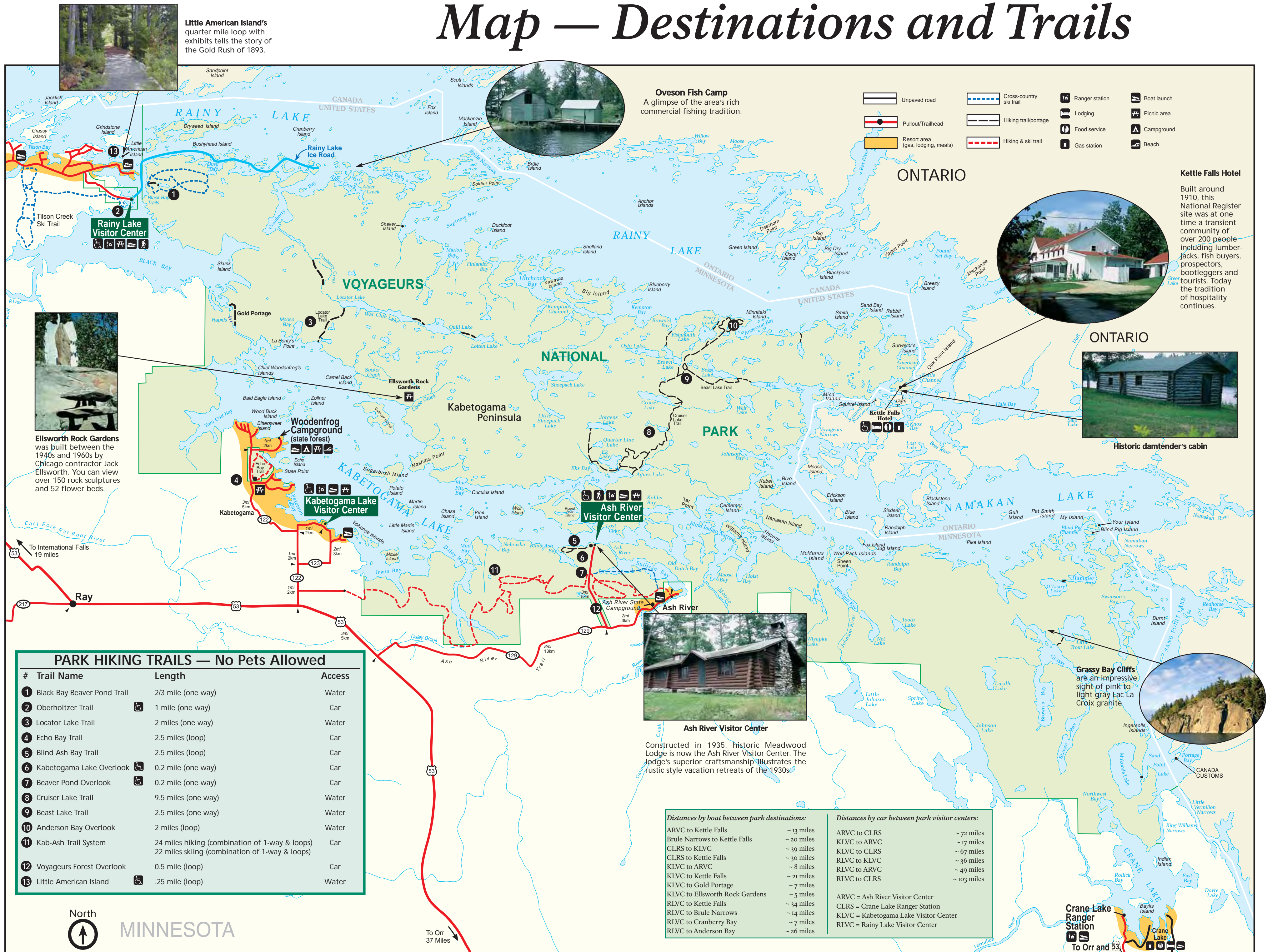
This is the third and closest pullout to the visitor center. A short wheelchair accessible trail through the forest leads to a bench at the lake overlook. The overlook also serves as a starting point for the Blind Ash Bay Trail, a narrow, rocky path leading to a view of Blind Ash Bay. You may also start this popular hike from the upper overflow parking lot at the visitor center. For the Blind Ash Bay Trail, bring water, bug repellent, and sturdy shoes. Explore by snowshoe in the winter.

Sullivan Bay Snowshoe Trail

Only available in winter, strap on your snowshoes for a 1.5 mile round trip trek to view Sullivan Bay. Watch for the snowshoe sign along the entrance road. Trail is tracked.



Map — Destinations and Trails



Voyageurs — A Boater's Park

With over 80,000 acres of water, Voyageurs National Park is a boater's paradise. This is a unique park. With fewer than 10 miles of roads, visitors must leave their cars behind for a motorboat, tourboat (see page 5), canoe, houseboat, kayak or sailboat to truly experience the park.

With increased numbers and types of boats in park waters, it is even more important to be courteous to your fellow visitors.

- Powerboats give canoes and kayaks a broad berth; wakes from your vessel may swamp paddlers.
- Be cautious and alert when traveling through narrow passages.



- Canoes and kayaks can be difficult to see and should avoid using the main channels.
- Motorized and nonmotorized vessels launch at the same locations, except at Ash River Visitor Center. Please watch out for each other.
- Paddlers should observe the angle of a motorboat's bow – the driver may not see you.

Do You Know Where Your Lifejacket Is?

Always wear your life jacket – it won't work unless you wear it. Minnesota state law requires all watercraft, including canoes and kayaks, to have one wearable U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and readily accessible for each person in the watercraft. The U.S. Coast Guard requires children under 13 years of age to wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.



Navigation You Need to Know

The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System: The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards (see below). To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow. Namakan, Sand Point and Crane lakes all flow north or downlake toward Kettle Falls. Kabetogama Lake flows east or downlake to Namakan and Kettle Falls. Rainy Lake flows west or downlake to International Falls. Remember red buoys to your right while traveling uplake (red right return).

3 Can buoys are green with odd numbers. Keep them to the left when going uplake.



Circled mark means a controlled area. It may carry a speed limit, for example.

2 Nun buoys are red with even numbers. Keep them to the right when going uplake.



Divers flag warns of the presence of divers, who may be just under the surface.



Diamond shape warns of danger. Cross in diamond means boats must keep out.

Safe Boating Checklist

- ☐ A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
- ☐ Navigation lights at night – Use them!
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Whistle or horn
- ☐ Navigational maps
- ☐ Anchor, paddles or oars, and lines
- ☐ Spare propeller and shear pin
- ☐ Flashlight and first aid kit
- ☐ Type IV throwable cushion or ring

Reminders...

- Don't overload the boat.
- All passengers should stay seated or within boat while boat is moving; **bow or gunwale riding prohibited!**
- Watch the weather — get off the lake during thunderstorms.
- Watch for hypothermia from cold water and wind.
- Know where you can refuel.
- Avoid prolonged exposure.
- **BOAT SOBER** — operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal.

Things to Know

National park rangers enforce a wide spectrum of federal laws and regulations and a variety of state statutes. Familiarize yourself with park rules.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- **Do not destroy or collect natural or cultural resources in the park.** This includes cutting live trees and collecting any natural or cultural resources except berries and nuts.
- **Do not harass wildlife!** Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space to feed, nest, and raise young. Do not disturb wildlife, especially nesting birds or adults with young.
- **Don't drink and drive!** Operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.
- **Public use closures:** Check at visitor centers and boat ramp bulletin boards for areas closed for protection of visitors or park resources. Closed areas are posted with signs.
- **Keep the Shade!** Cutting live or dead standing trees is prohibited.
- Hunting is not allowed in the park.
- Firearms, fireworks, and archery equipment are prohibited. Chain saws are prohibited except for cutting ice-fishing holes.
- Private floatplanes are allowed on the four major lakes — Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point. They are also allowed on Locator, War Club, Quill, Loiten, Shoepack, Mukooda, and Little Trout Lakes.
- **Know Canadian fishing and customs regulations** before you cross the border – (807) 274-3655.
- **Pets must be leashed and attended to at all times.** They are allowed in developed areas; around visitor centers, boat ramps, and picnic areas; on entrance roads; and at tent, houseboat, and day use sites on the four main lakes. *They must be restrained on a leash not more than 6' long and under your control. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry.*



- **Quiet Time** — Parkwide 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- **Extinguish fires when leaving campsites.**
- **Anglers know the slot!** If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the Minnesota Fishing Regulations at area businesses and visitor centers. A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota state fishing regulations.
- **Swimming, diving, or bathing** is prohibited at docks in developed areas (e.g., visitor centers and Kettle Falls). Diving from other park docks is not recommended.
- **Water Skiing** is prohibited in navigation channels.
- **Don't litter.** Keep Voyageurs National Park clean. Pack out what you pack in.

Consider This:

- Use non-toxic sinkers instead of sinkers made of lead, which can poison loons and other wildlife.
- Always retrieve and dispose of lines and hooks properly.
- Practice catch and release fishing
 - Play, unhook, and release fish quickly
 - Don't rub off protective slime
 - Needle nose pliers speed up hook removal
 - Handle fish firmly, but gently, never by eye sockets
 - Keep fish in the water to the greatest extent possible
 - If gut hooks, cut line and release
- Rangers monitor Marine Band Channel 16 when on duty, not 24 hours a day.



National Park Service Artist-in-Residence

Program: Voyageurs National Park invites professional artists to stay at the park for two weeks in order to interpret the park through art. Applications for residencies are open to two-dimension visual artists, photographers, sculptors, performers, writers, video/filmmakers and composers. When: August, two weeks. How: application deadline March 15. Contact Artist-in-Residence Coordinator at 218-283-9821.

Do you want to work for Voyageurs National Park?

The National Park Service hires seasonal employees throughout the year. Applicants may apply to specific announcements posted on the internet at www.usajobs.opm.gov or www.sep.nps.gov or by contacting the Human Resources Office at Voyageurs National Park, 3131 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649 or at (218) 283-9821.

Volunteer positions and student internships are also available – www.nps.gov/volunteer

Please don't drink and drive...
...a car!
...a boat!
...a snowmobile!













We need your help to make Voyageurs a safe place to visit.

The alcohol limits and laws that apply to automobile drivers are the same for operators of boats and snowmobiles. *Come to Voyageurs to enjoy the scenery and recreation, not to risk your life.*



Camping and Houseboating

The Basics

-  You need a boat to camp in the park. All overnight sites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available nearby at State and private campgrounds.
-  All boat-in sites are free.
-  All sites, except the group campsites and the Voyageurs Narrows accessible site, are occupied on a first-come/first-served basis; no reservations.
-  Site N4I, Voyageurs Narrows – accessible site available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 at least one week in advance, to make reservations.
-  Obey all site closure signs.
-  Food storage – all food, garbage, and equipment used to cook and store food must be kept in a vehicle, vessel, or metal food locker or hung 10' high and 10' out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.
-  Recommended maximum group sizes
 - small tent site – 9 people
 - large tent site – 18 people
 - houseboat site – 2 houseboats
 - group tent sites – 30 people
-  **Fires**
 - Use only dead and downed wood, including driftwood, except within developed areas and where posted.
 - Cutting live trees or dead standing trees is prohibited.
 - Fires are permitted in metal fire rings. Construct no new rock rings. Campfires must be completely extinguished when you are not at the site.
-  Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but no overnight docking is permitted at park visitor centers.
-  Leaving property unattended in an overnight site for 24 hours or more is illegal.
-  Use tent pads where provided – no digging, trenching, or leveling allowed.
-  Dig cat holes for human waste if a privy is not available.

Group Campsite Information

- Group size required to make a reservation is 14-30 people
- Reservations required from June 11 to September 17, 2006
- Make reservations online at <http://reservations.nps.gov/index.cfm> or call 800-365-2267
- No fee in 2006; fee likely in 2007
- Sites can be used for 7 consecutive nights
- Overnight permit and check in required.
- Check-in is 2 p.m. and check out is 12:00 noon.
- Each site has a wheelchair-accessible core area with accompanying

If your group size is less than 14, you can walk into the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake visitor center, and check on the availability of the site for the current day. For complete details visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya/home.htm and click on camping.



Do bears use sunscreen, drink pop, and eat dog food?

Did you know that approximately 150 black bears live in Voyageurs National Park? Bears are neat to see but you don't want them to visit your campsite. To prevent human-bear incidents, the park provides metal food lockers at most developed campsites for safe storage of food, cooking supplies, and other items. Black bears will try to eat things that smell good or look interesting.

To help keep bears out of your campsite put the following items in the food locker or hang your pack from a tree:

- closed or open cans or bottles of beer, pop, and juice – especially beer. Bears will bite into a closed can if it smells sweet or if they recognize it as something that tasted sweet before.
- dish soap and hand soap – loved by bears, especially the tasty lemon scent
- water bottles or water jugs
- all food; coolers fit right into the food locker
- dog food in a can or bag, it does not matter, bears will eat it
- all food scraps and trash
- all pots, pans, utensils, and cooking stoves. You cannot scrub the smell off pans or stoves.
- toothpaste – children's toothpaste flavors smell especially tasty
- sunscreen
- bug spray, yes bears may bite into your can of bug spray
- your catch of the day – don't leave food, bait or the catch of the day in your boat or out in camp
- backpacks or containers that once held food
- clothing worn during cooking
- any kind of candy or gum wrappers. Patrol rangers have received reports of boats being ripped apart for a candy wrapper in a boat compartment. Leave boat compartments open at night so bears will not rip your boat apart to see what is inside. Better to let them look and not damage your boat.



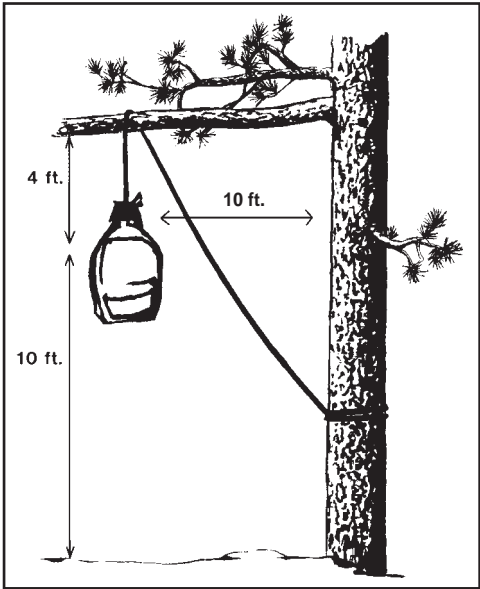
- take motor oil and gas with you in the boat when you go fishing; bears bite into gas cans and oil cans

If an item smells, looks, or tastes remotely like food or is something fun to play with, secure it in the food locker. Clean campsites and the use of food lockers help prevent campsite closures and the trapping and relocation of bears.

If you plan to camp in the backcountry or at a site without a food locker, you must hang your pack with the items listed above as shown in the diagram at right.

When camping in bear country keep these things in mind:

- do not cook food near your tent
- do not keep food in your tent
- pack out your garbage when you leave; do not bury it
- do not feed bears or other wildlife
- dispose of fish entrails in deep water; pack out shorelunch grease
- frighten black bears by yelling, banging pans together or throwing rocks
- if a bear woofs, snaps its jaws, or slaps the ground, you are too close
- black bears rarely pursue people, but "playing dead" is not appropriate behavior when dealing with an aggressive black bear; fight back using whatever is available.



Did you encounter a bear?
Report all bear incidents to a park visitor center.

Winter Activities

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs National Park by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes, or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors who want to get out of the cold to come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. At the center, you can enjoy exhibits, naturalist-led programs, and hot cocoa.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Winter Hours and Services

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call (218) 286-5258. The Visitor Center offers:

- Voyageurs National Park information
- Convenient snowmobile parking
- Snow and ice condition updates
- A cozy fire and hot beverages
- Voyageurs Outpost – Children’s corner
- Maps of ski, snowshoe & snowmobile trails
- Naturalist Programs, Sundays 2-4 pm

- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Lifesize bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Snowshoes for loan
- Cross-country ski rentals

Winter Programs at Rainy Lake Visitor Center

On Sundays, from mid-January through the end of March, Voyageurs National Park offers winter programs at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (888) 381-2873, Wednesday through Sunday for a schedule of events or visit www.nps.gov/voya.


Kettle Falls Hotel

The Kettle Falls Hotel is closed during the winter. Access to view the hotel up close is by foot only. There are no snowmobile trails up to the front of the hotel.

Cross-Country Skiing

Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing at Voyageurs National Park. Ski rentals available at Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Area ski trails (groomed and tracked unless noted) include:

- The Black Bay Ski Trail is located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on the Rainy Lake Ice Road and offers 6 miles of trail.
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resource’s challenging 10.2-mile Tilson Creek Trail is accessible from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center upper parking lot.
- Approximately 3.5 miles of forested trail await the skier at the Echo Bay Trail. The trail is located 3.5 miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. Follow County Road 122 north toward Woodenfrog Campground. Turn right at the Northern Lights Road. Parking area is on the left.
- The Kab-Ash trail offers 22 miles of ungroomed ski trails.



Rainy Lake Ice Road


The 7-mile Rainy Lake ice road extends from the boat launch ramp at Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay.

- The ice road is open to cars and trucks of less than 7,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. SNOWMOBILES are NOT permitted on the ice road.
- The speed limit is 30 MPH.
- When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, the ice road may be closed or shortened for safety. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

Snowshoeing


Journey into the past! For hundreds of years, people traveled on snowshoes. Explore the winter landscape on one of the park’s three tracked snowshoe trails. Snowshoes for loan are available at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

- Blind Ash Bay Trail (2.5 miles round trip). Trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center.
- Sullivan Bay Trail (1.5 miles round trip). Follow signs to the Ash River Visitor Center. Trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay.
- Oberholtzer Trail (2 miles round trip). Trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.



Ice Fishing

Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler’s dream. Place ice houses at least 50 feet from the center of snowmobile trails and the ice road. Check ice conditions before going out. Fishing license and icehouse registration required.



Snowmobilers – Things to Know

- All land areas, including rock faces, in the park are closed to snowmobiles except designated safety portages. Obey closure signs.
- 110 miles of staked and groomed trails in the park
- Chain of Lakes trail is not groomed (11 miles long)
- Lodging, food, gas, and other services are available in the four resort communities adjacent to the park.

Be Safe

- Carry a trail map with you.
- Keep to the right.
- Leave a route plan with someone.

Watch for...

- *Pressure ridges* – They change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.
- *Slush and open water* – Avoid them by staying on groomed and staked trails.


Snowmobile Trail Conditions

Voyageurs National Park – trail conditions posted weekly at www.nps.gov/voya; look for link under “News”

International Falls	800/FALLS MN
Kabetogama Lake.....	800/524-9085
Ash River	800/950-2061
Crane Lake	877/466-7669 (466-SNOW)

Voyageurs National Park

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ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS

45
mph

On Trails

25
mph

On Safety Portages



DRINKING AND SLEDDING DON'T MIX!

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

SERVICES

OUTDOOR FUN

SNOWMOBILING



VOYAGEURS ACCOMMODATIONS

Kabetogama Lake			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan; P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; H-Ice; L-Fishing License; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; F-Firewood; (FGO)-For Guests Only	Campsites & Services : W-Water; E-Electricity; S-Sewer; D-Dump Station; B-Bathroom; T-Tent Sites; RV/RV Sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing; R-Runabout; C-Canoes; P-Paddleboat; PO-Pontoon; K-Kayak; S-Sailboat; RB-Rowboat; D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile; (FGO)-For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach; P-Pool	R-Recreation Room; P-Playground	Season of Operation (All year may include shutdown periods.)							
Kabetogama Tourism Bureau 9903 Gamma Rd., Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669 (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085 www.kabetogama.com																		
Arrowhead Lodge and Resort arrowheadlodgeresort.com			(866) 847-7118	16	1	AL(FGO)	BDISGF	3WESDRV	FCPOD	B	RP	All Year						
Birch Grove Resort			(877) 878-4502	6	1		BIPRG	4WEBSTRV	FCP	B		May-Oct.						
Birchwood Resort birchwoodresort.com			(218) 875-2503	4	2				FPO			All Year						
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort fishandgame.com/harmonybeach			(218) 875-2811	17	3	A	BIPG	4WEBTRV	KCPD(FGO), F	B	P	All Year						
Deer Horn Resort fishandgame.com/deerhorn			(888) 600-3337	7	2		BIG		F(FGO)			May-Oct.						
Driftwood Lodge Resort driftwoodlodgeresort.com			(888) 816-1529	12	2		BIG(FGO)		F(FGO)		RP	May-Sept.						
Dyrstad's Retreat			(218) 875-2532	2	7		BG(FGO)		FC(FGO)	B		May-Sept.						
Eagle Wing Resort eaglewingresort.com			(218) 875-3111	4	1		BIG		F(FGO)	B	P	May-Sept.						
Four Winds Resort fourwindsresort.net			winter (641) 394-4303 (218) 875-2821	10	3		BIG	2WESBRV	F			May-Oct.						
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber grandviewresort.net			(800) 844-6502	10	1		BIG		FCPOP	B	P	May-Sept.						
Herseeth's Tomahawk Resort herseethstomahawkresort.com			(888) 834-7899	9	2		BIG		FCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.						
Kec's Kove fishandgame.com/kecs			(800) 777-8405	7	1	APL	BIG		F		RP	All Year						
Lakeview Resort lakeviewkabetogama.com			(877) 422-2471	9	1	L	BIGR		FPPO	B	RP	May-Oct.						
Moosehorn Resort moosehornresort.com			(800) 777-7968	9	1		BIPG	6WESRV	FCP	B	P	All Year						
Narbo's Viking Retreat			(218) 875-2051	2	1			4WESRV	POFCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.						
North Star Resort			(218) 875-2175	7	3		BG		F(FGO)		P	May-Sept.						
Northern Lights Resort nlro.com			(800) 318-7023	10	3		BIPG	1WESRV	FCKPO	B	RP	May-Sept.						
Park Point Resort parkpoint.com			(800) 272-4533	8	2		BGIS	3WEBSRV	F(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.						
Pine Aire Resort pineaire.com			(877) 875-2161	9	1	L	BILPRSG	20WEBTRV	POFCPK	B	RP	All Year						
Pine Tree Cove pinetreecove.com			(218) 875-2088	4	2		IG	2WEDTRV	FC			May-Oct.						
Pokorny's Resort & Campground			(218) 875-2481	6	1	PL	BIDPRSG	19WEDBRV	FPR	B	R	May-Oct.						
Red Pine Lodge & Resort redpineresort.com			(218) 875-2441	16	3	APL	BIPGS	12WESBTRV	F		R	All Year						
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters sandypointlodge.com			(800) 777-8595	16	1	APL	BIPSGF	4WEBRV	FCPO	B	P	All Year						
Snyder's Idlewild Resort idlenwildresort.com			(888) 483-4608	11	3		BIG	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.						
Voyageur Park Lodge voyageurparklodge.com			(800) 331-5694	12	3		BIG(FGO)		FCPPO(FGO)	B	RP	May-Sept.						
Woodenfrog Campground State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us			(218) 753-2245					63WTRV		B		May-Oct.						
Commercial Services							Outfitters	Fishing Guides	Winter Guides	Camping &/or Canceling Guides	Water Taxi & Boat Charter	Air Charter	Marine Repair &/or Towing	Ice Fishing Guide &/or Shelters	Snowmobile Guide	Boat Rentals	Gas	
CRANE LAKE	B.J.'s Guide Service			(218) 273-6230			✓						towing					
	Dave's Guide Service davesguideservice.biz			(218) 993-2453			✓						✓					
	Eggen, Butch Guide Service			(218) 993-2909			✓						✓					
	Jacobson, Lawrence			(800) 433-0743			✓											
	Norway Lodge norwaylodge.com			(218) 993-2226													✓	
	Ostberg, Anders			(218) 993-2295			✓											
	Pernat, Marshall			(218) 254-5532			✓											
Pine Point Lodge pinepointlodge.com			(218) 993-2311													✓		
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats houseboatvacation.com			(800) 882-6287				✓				✓		✓				✓	
ASH RIVER	Davis, Bob			winter (563) 326-0970, (218) 374-3069			✓						towing					
	Kettle Falls Hotel			(218) 240-1726							✓							
KABETOGRAMA LAKE	Chuck's Guide Service			(218) 875-2025			✓						towing					
	Deer Horn Resort fishandgame.com/deerhorn			(888) 600-3337			✓											
	Granger Guide Service fishingkabetogama.com			winter (956) 454-3841, (218) 875-3062			✓			✓								
	Herseeth's Tomahawk Resort herseethstomahawkresort.com			(888) 834-7899			✓			✓			✓					
	Kabetogama Angling Adventures			(218) 875-2075		✓	✓			✓					✓			✓
	Nev's Guide Service			(218) 875-3961			✓			✓			✓					
	Northern Memories Guide Service			(218) 875-2091			✓			✓								
Pine Tree Cove			(218) 875-2121			✓			✓									
Voyageurs Adventures voyageursadventures.com			(877) GO KAYAK	✓		✓		✓		✓				✓			✓	
RAINY LAKE	Albrecht, Billy			(218) 286-5422			✓							✓				
	Arnold, Pat			(218) 285-9100			✓							✓				
	Boreal Explorations			(218) 286-5487						✓								
	Brown, Carl			(218) 286-5652			✓											
	Christenson, Dean			(218) 286-1102			✓											
	Doc Holiday Guide Service			(218) 286-2068			✓							✓				
	Erickson, Kevin			(218) 285-9598			✓											
	Gushulak, John			(218) 274-2112			✓											
	Havvy's Guide Service			(218) 286-5077			✓			✓				✓				
	Heiss, Robert			(218) 286-3147			✓											
	Klow, Jeff			(218) 286-1126			✓											
	Mark Thorpe Guide Service			(218) 283-5700			✓											
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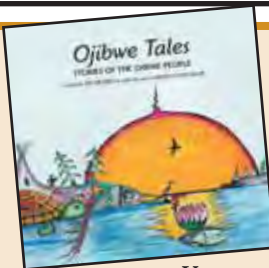


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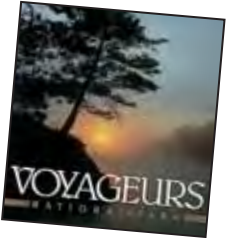
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Annually a group of volunteers conducts maintenance at the Ellsworth Rock Gardens and water quality testing of the park's large lakes. The park has gained valuable information from their work and greatly appreciates all they do in support of the park.

Voyageurs National Park Association

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) was organized in 1965 to establish Minnesota's only national park. Since its creation, we have worked with Voyageurs National Park to protect its unique natural and historic resources while attracting visitors to this area rich in recreational opportunities.

With help from friends like you, in 2006 VNPA is:

- Coordinating a Kab-Ash trail clearing project in cooperation with the Kabetogama Lake Association and the park
- Sponsoring the printing of the Birders Rendezvous brochure
- Matching a grant for a dry stone masonry workshop at Ellsworth Rock Gardens, which will train park staff to complete future repairs

Voyageurs National Park Association Needs YOU! VNPA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization entirely dependent on support from individuals, foundations and businesses. Contact us at PO Box 580224, Minneapolis, MN 55458, www.voyageurs.org, vnpa@voyageurs.org, or 612.333.5424 to become a member today.

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